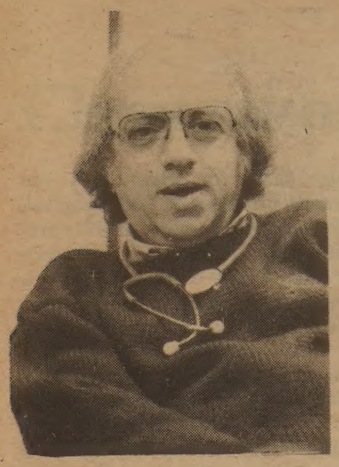
Nurse needed, doctor says



DR. GERRY ALEXANDER
COLLEGE PHYSICIAN

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

Dr. Gerry Alexander is "frazzled" from going without a nurse at the college Health Centre.

Dr. Alexander, one of two physicians servicing the college community through the centre, said the facility is "surviving" without a nurse but believes the college "needs a full-time nurse."

"We've proven the need for a nurse over the years," he said. "Our stats show a need for our service. We were able to treat sick students almost immediately when a nurse was here; now some are forced to go to emergency for aid."

To date, the Health Centre is fully supplied by Dr. Alexander; he pays for the services of the clinic's receptionist and all the medical supplies. He said he is feeling the burden.

SCROUNGES

"I scrounge samples — freebies — to supply the centre. I absorb it (the cost) into my total practice; I've never sat down and figured out the cost but it is a lot of money."

Last year, the Board of Governors decided to eliminate the position of full-time nurse to ease the $2.3 million deficit built by the college. The only cost the Health Centre has posed in the past to the college was a nurse's salary.

Dr. Alexander, asked to run the centre more than 15 years ago, said at the time the board was making its decision, he did not know what was happening. He

SEE HEALTH PG. 2

EVA ROSE
CLINIC MANAGER

Jackie agrees about nurse

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, says she would like to see a nurse at the college, "even if she is reinstated half the time," but recognizes that the college's finances are an obstacle.

"Our fear is that a position at the college may have to be dropped in order to pick up the extra money to pay for a full-time nurse," Miss Robarts, whose background is in nursing, said. She added that she does not wish to see that happen.

She said there was a problem at the St. Catharines campus because they are without any sort of health care.

"No help there is frustrating. They should have someone there."

Last year, the Board of Governors decided the elimination of nursing positions at the Welland campus Health Centre and the St. Catharines campus would help remedy the college deficit. She said the decision was pushed by a couple of vocal people on the board who "wanted the position dropped."

FEWER STUDENTS

The decision to drop the nursing position at the St. Catharines campus was partially due to a "reduced need because of a decrease in students."

But the situation is different at the Welland campus where there are more than 3,000 day students and faculty.

"With this many people, we need a nurse around," Miss Robarts said. "A nurse is like insurance; we wold all feel better and more comfortable if one was at the college.

The president said the subject is a "ticklish" one but hopes it will be brought back to the board when the importance of health care is realized.

She added the need for a fully-staffed health centre increases because "more and more out-of-town kids go without a family doctor; some students have no other place to go" except to the college facilities.

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Colleges may lead to university entry

Ontario colleges of the future may be transfer institutions to university, according to discussion occurring in Vision 2000.

That would require a very profound shift in the college system as it currently exists,"George Repar, director of planning and development, said.

John Parrett, registrar, said the problem is that now there is no systematic method for students to transfer credits from college to university.

Mr. Repar said Niagara graduates have not had any trouble transferring credits to American universities, but they do have trouble transferring credits to Canadian universities and even other colleges.

"On an individual case, universities should look at applicants and be somewhat more generous (in accepting college credits)," he said.

OTHERS

Mr. Parrett said the system of colleges as transfer institutions exists in "at least" eight other provinces and is "certainly a common practice in the U.S."

He said if it were implimented, there would be two types of colleges, vocational and general academic.

Mr. Repar, Niagara's Vision 2000 co-ordinator, said making colleges transfer institutions is an idea that has been "debated, proposed, discussed" for years. He said Vision 2000 is giving the altered college system serious discussion.

Mr. Repar believes more in the vocational "emphasis" for colleges as opposed to the liberal arts emphasis.

"My sense says that those who come to college want a college-level education," he said.

AN IRONY

Mr. Parrett said colleges are "experiencing growth in applied arts" but, ironically, it is the technology programs which have "close to 100 per cent (job) placement."

In November, Jacqueline Robarts, president, told the Niagara News, "Students that go from college to university aren't getting credits for their courses. It's frustrating for them — it's almost like starting over. It is time that credits should be made transferable".

Vision 2000 is a province-wide review of the college system, launched by Lyn McLeod, Minister of Colleges and Universities. It consists of a steering committee of educators, employers, students and government representatives. The review is to be complete by the end of this year.

Beamer's beauty

Cold temperatures and gusting winds do not hinder Beamer's Falls in Grimsby from flowing down the Niagara Escarpment. Huge icicles and icebergs have formed along the sides of thick layers of rock. The falls, located beside Beamer's Conservation Area,attracted many people despite the cold winter winds blowing last weekend.
Photo by Julie Slack

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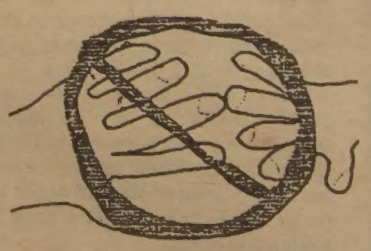
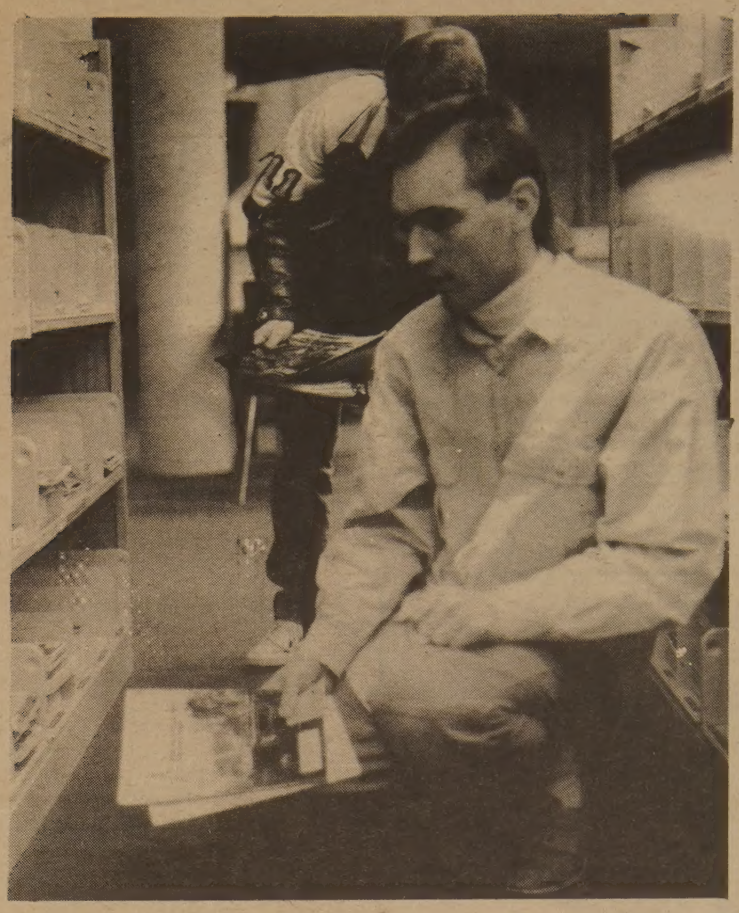


The second floor of the Simcoe wing has been declared a no fondling zone by students at Niagara College. White no fondling signs were hung Monday afternoon in the lounge providing a contrast to the orange No Smoking signs.

The signs showing two reaching hands with a circle and slash through them are apparently in response to people's distaste with the grabbing,groping which continues to be a part of the college scene, making people uncomfortable.

The Nov. 11 issue of the Niagara News contained a Bullpit by Mark Tayti condemning the lustful actions of hallway Romeos and Juliets. In it Mr. Tayti suggested throwing a bucket of cold water on offenders because it works for dogs. If people continue to pursue their animal instincts, Niagara really will go to the dogs.



Steve McCutcheon, construction engineering student, is one of the thousands of college students who use the library's wide variety of periodicals. Statistics reveal that more than 2,600 magazines were circulated last year almost double the circulation for 1984. But because of an increase in the use of the library during the day, a decrease in its use during the evening, and a strained budget, library personnel thought they might have to close four hours earlier in the day. Luckily, money was re-routed to get the library through the fiscal year, allowing the library to keep regular hours.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Library escapes cuts

The library at the college's Welland campus will remain open until its regular time after speculation that it might have to close four hours earlier.

Trish Labonte, head librarian, said there had been fears the library would be forced to close because of staffing.

"In the past we could meet our goals with part-time staff,' Mrs. Labonte said before last year's budget cuts reduced her staff by 72 hours. "Our problem in the fall was that without part-time staff. and having an improved system, we were really strapped."

Luckily, the library was successful in finding more funds that would help get them through the fiscal year, she said.

Every service in the library has almost doubled since 1984. In 1984, 54 book acquisitions were made, 1,702 audio-visual transactions were entertained, about 12,000 books and 1,750 periodicals were circulated each month, and 400 monthly reference queries were handled; in 1988, the library received 222 new acquistions, made 5,230 audiovisual transactions, circulated 25,000 books and more than 2,600 periodicals, and dealt with 760 monthly reference requests. The only statistic which remained constant was the number of nightly vistors to the library, an average of 400.

"It is the only thing that has not grown in the last four years," Mrs. Labonte said. "Our only hope to maintain the quality of other actvities was to collapse down from being open 14 hours to just 10 hours daily."

Any possibility of closing the library earlier presented her with "philosophical problem."

"The growth area of the college is in continuing education, and those students would not have access to the facility; but in actual fact, most of them don't use it. Also, depending on the time of year, the quiet period is usually after 3:30 p.m. We didn't want to deprive the day student or the continuing education students of the library; we had to meet their demands."

Regal application, royal opportunity

The Rose Festival is sponsoring a contest to find a new theme song for the Rose Queen coronation.

The prize is $100 voucher from Central Music, Main Street, Welland. Entries should be recorded on a cassette tape and the deadline is April 30, 1989. For more information, call Bob at Central Music, or Susan at 735-1024.

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Letters

RNA 'responds' to coverage

Dear Editor:

Re your story on Male Students in Nursing, I would like to respond to some statements made. I was very disappointed with some of the statements made. Having twenty five (25) years of nursing experience, I feel that I must reply for myself and for all other RNAs. The attitude of one young man in particular helps to explain some of the problems that have developed in the field of nursing today.

He stated that there is a movement to get rid of Registered Nurses Assistants, well first of all we are not called Registered Nurses Assistants, we are Registered Nursing Assistants. We are not employed in hospitals as an assistant to the nurse, our duty there is to provide practical nursing care to the patient. His statement that RNs can provide better quality care mystifies me since in my twenty five (25) years experience the majority of RNs do not wish to or don't have time for bedside nursing care.

I was taught that everyone employed in a hospital from the Doctor to the dietary aids, cleaners, laundry staff, etc., function as a team in order to provide the best care to the most important person in the hospital which is the patient. If this movement materializes these young men may find that they went to school for three years in order to end up performing the duties of the RNA. If the college of Nursing decrees in the year 2000 that entry to practice must be BScD Nurse and the BScD Nurse takes on the role of super nurse then the bedside care aspect of nursing could get very crowded. These are the reasons for phasing out RNAs. Phasing out sounds better than the term "getting rid of," which sounds as though we are some sort of disgusting plaque that must be exterminated. How do you phase out RNAs?? By 1) Limiting inservice, make no move to arrange added skills upgrading 2) Stop posting RNA vacancies 3) Restrict them from performing basic skills for which they are already qualified. 4) Then you tell them and the public that RNs provide better quality care. It is very obvious to any one employed in a hospital in Ontario today that there is a power struggle evident. If these young men have contemplated quitting in their first year, wait till they get out here in the real world of three different shifts and seven day rotations and every third weekend off. For their sake, and more importantly for the sake of their patients, I do hope that they are able to find an RNA to work alongside of them in order to help share the burden. I would like to add in closing that I do not intend to be "gotten rid of" I shall put up a good fight. If, however, RNAs end up as casualties in this power struggle then the ultimate victim will be the patient and a patient is — you — me and our loved ones.

Thank you
Toby McCreadie RNA
St. Catharines

Board won't 'respond'

Dear Editor:

This is in response to the recent questionnaire from Niagara News distributed to members of the Board of Governors.

During a meeting held 1989 01 12, Governors reaffirmed that they do not respond individually to such questionnaires and asked that I reply on behalf of the Board as a whole.

Accordingly, I wish to advise that the Board made a decision on the matter of the staffing of College Health Centres in June, 1988 after much deliberation and taking many factors into consideration. That decision has not changed.

Sincerely yours
F. W. Ford
Chairman
Board of Governors

From Page One

Health

was worried about the future of the centre and did not confront the board on its decision.

He said he was concerned as to what the board would do if he fought it.

REFLEX ACTION

"If I became vocal, they could shut the place down completely. How could we continue the service without causing difficulties? They could have responded with a reflex reaction and shut us down."

Dr. Alexander said he thinks the board's decision to eliminate the full-time nursing position was the wrong one.

"They didn't know what they were doing. The members of the Board of Governors could be easily misdirected by someone who uses the right poetry."

"If the province of Ontario feels health care is essential (it devotes one-third of its budget to health), then couldn't the college look at a small percentage (of its budget) going to health?"

NOT EFFECTIVE

In response to a need for some sort of a health care at the college, members of faculty received first aid training to provide emergency care if needed. Dr. Alexander said that unless 50 per cent of the faculty are trained in proper first aid, they won't be effective.

"They will never meet the day-to-day needs of the students. Maybe they can help out once or twice a year. They haven't even set up a paging system in order to reach those trained. It's only a token situation."

Clinic manager Eva Rose, said she must call the doctor when he is not in the Health Centre to hand out aspirins to remedy headaches. Dr. Alexander said this adds an extra burden to his already stressful job.

Locker theft irks student

Dear Editor:

I was infuriated to say the least on Wednesday morning (Jan. 11) when I came to school. The lock was gone and when I opened my locker I found that someone had taken my new running shoes, a sweat top and my walkman.

When I confronted the school about it, they said they couldn't do anything. Why should we pay for locker fees if we have no insurance that our goods will be safe?

I'd just like to say to the person who is wearing my shoes that I hope they have to go through the painful treatment of plantar warts that I had to go through.

Yours truly
Mike McCready

St. John Ambulance

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Changsha president to visit

In support of Canada's new assistance policy to developing countries, Niagara College will entertain the president of Changsha University and two senior administrative officials.

President Yang Rong Qui, Luo Xiao Fan and Yang Jiangen will visit the college from Feb. 25 to March 20 to "work, learn, meet and talk" with Niagara faculty, George Repar, director of planning, research and development, said.

The visit is part of the twinning arrangement between Niagara College and Changsha Vocational University which has been in place for two years. It is part of a senior administrative exchange which saw Bill Ford, chairman of the Board of Governors visit China in November. It will be the first time senior Chinese administrators have visited Niagara.

LOOK AT COLLEGE

The itinerary will consist of formal and informal discussions on college level education, a three-day curriculum development session and an in-depth look at Niagara's tourism programs, Mr. Repar said.

China is working towards their seventh five-year goal to improve the tourism infrastruture in the country and each province. China wants to attract foreign visitors and currency but doesn't have the training systems to handle skill requirements, Mr. Repar said. Tourism will be a focal point of the visit.

During their visit the Chinese delegation will see some of Niagara's sights and visit Mohawk College and possibly Conestoga College. A welcome party and farewell social will be held for the Chinese as well as informal meetings with students and faculty, he said.

The informal and formal sessions will be for "talking shop and seeing how a system of higher education works in China," Mr. Repar said. The visit is "fully in support of Canada's new development assistance policy" which aids institutions and people in developing countries.

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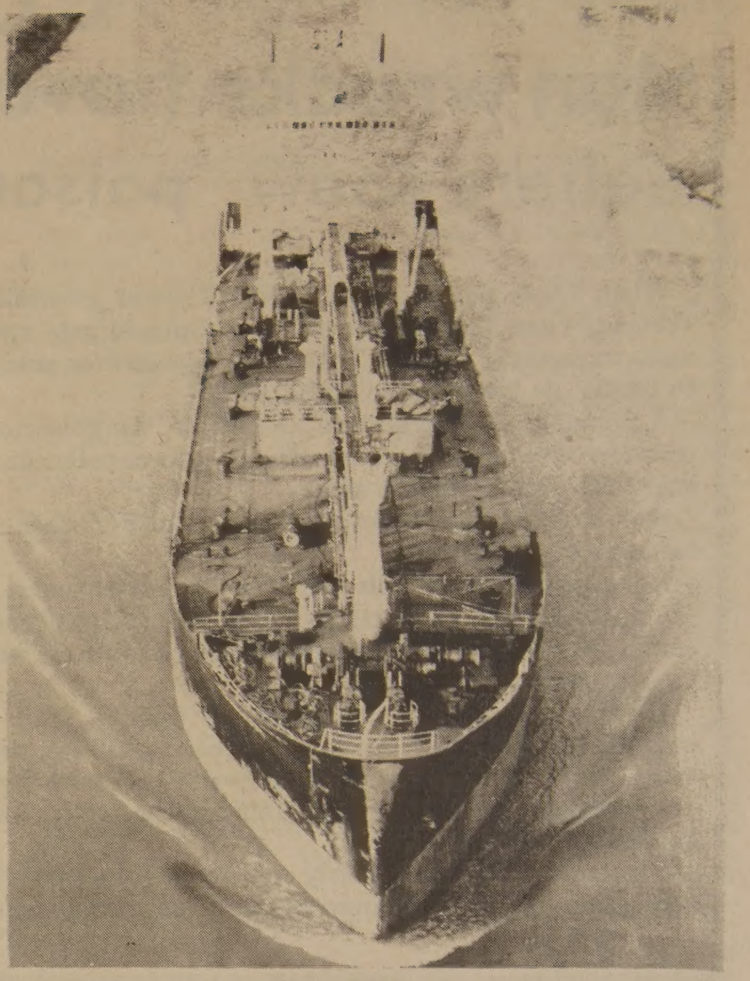


Year end shipping

Man's burning of fossil fuels has contributed to an increase in the earth's temperature - the greenhouse effect. The consequences of the temperature increase will include dramatic changes in the agriculatural and water needs of man. It is suggested that ... increased temperatures could even melt the polar ice caps and flood large areas of the world.
However, there are positive results that can be expected. The increased temperatures will warm the frigid Canadian climate, much as we now appreciate current trends of mild and unseasonal weather, and possibly allow year long shipping on the Welland Canal.

Photo by Gail Atkinson

Fewer dropouts, enrolment up

Niagara College's full-time enrolment has risen 57 from a year ago, and dropped only 133 from September.

"I'm really pleased at how little attrition there's been from the fall term," John Parrett, registrar, said. "Generally speaking, the enrolment has held its own."

As of Jan. 13 full-time enrolment was 3,167, down from the September figure of 3,300, but up from 3,110 on Jan. 13 last year. The January 1988 enrolment was 239 fewer then the previous September.

Part-time enrolment last Friday was 5,151, down from 7,455 in September, but up from 5,027 a year ago.

Niagara's funding is not based on the college situation alone, but on its relation to the provincial average, Mr. Parrett said. It is based on a fixed number of dollars, indexed for inflation. If, for example, all colleges cut their enrolment, then they would be receiving more money per student.

The fact the the peninsula population is not increasing at the same rate as in the Toronto area "will probably create problems for us" in the distant future, because enrolment reflects population.

Assistant Registrar Desmond McCurry, who tabulates part-time enrolment, said the part-time figure is gradually increasing, partly because of better marketing — specifically, advertising in area newspapers.

Curbing attrition

The schedule of month-by-month activities outlined in an interim report by the enrolment management committee — efforts aimed at curbing the attrition rate — gears up at an academically critical part of the year: now.

"As a college, we are interested in helping students with career choices," Fred Habermehl, executive dean, said.

During January, program coordinators are urge to call students who have not returned to school and find out the reason.

The Registrar's office will provide the names and telephone numbers of students who have not returned for the winter term, and those who have not registered for January start to the counselling department, which will undertake a "telephone blitz" to encourage those with academic problems to take a partial program or transfer into general college, the report said.

Tuition rises $35

Students will have to add an extra $35 to their tuition fees next September raising the base tuition fee to $685, a press release from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities said.

The 5.38 per cent increase is "in line with the operating grant from the ministry to the colleges," Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, said yesterday.

Tuition now is $650 plus a $90 registration charge — $70 of which is the student activity fee.

The ministry's December announcement of a 5.6 per cent increase in "operating funds" for the 22 colleges, found Niagara with a $154,000 increase in grant, bringing the 1989/90 projected increase in deficit down to about $750,000.

Last chance!

The last chance to sign up for SAC trips for such exotic places as the Dominincan Republic, Acapulco, Florida, and Mount Saint Anne is Friday, Jan. 20.

The trips are run in conjunction with Toronto tour companies.

GEORGE RUSHTON

Rushton moves to sales

George Rushton, supervisor of Repro-Graphics at Niagara, will be moving on to a sales position at Standard Fine Printing and Graphs Design, a division of the St. Catharines Standard.

Mr. Rushton, who leaves the college on Jan. 27, begins his new job Feb. 6. Although his primary jurisdiction will be the Niagara Peninsula, he will be "on the road a lot," covering Toronto to New York State.

In his future job, he said he will be handling everything from brochures to business cards and letterhead.

Mr. Rushton, who studied graphics at Lakeport High School, St. Catharines, apprenticed six years and worked 13 years at Lincoln Graphics, St. Catharines, which "taught me the trade."

While in the supervisory department there, he taught night school for two years.

"I've had 11 good years here, and met a lot of nice people, he said. "With the skilled staff that work in this department, I feel confident the department will operate efficiently in my absence.

"It was one of the toughest decisions I've ever had to make I'm really going to miss this place."

Smokenders' turnout overwhelms college

Overwhelmed with the surprise student and staff turnout for the Smokenders program, the administration has put many on hold pending the Board of Governors decision on the matter.

Introductory Smokenders sessions, held Monday to Thursday of last week, were packed to standing room only with 149 students and faculty signed up for the free six-week course, paid for by the college and geared to help the participants quit smoking by Feb. 9.

Sessions are booked up and those interested in joining Smokenders are being put on a waiting list until word is received from yesterday's board meeting regarding eligibility of those who missed signing up at the initial meetings, Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, said yesterday.

POLICY MEMO

This stems from the Board of Governors' decision that the college will provide 100 per cent financing for "a smoking cessation program...to all students and staff (fulltime only) who wish to take advantage of it," as a college smoking policy memo said.

the board passed the policy put forth by the Joint Academic and Administrations Operations Committee with the condition that the completely smoke-free policy for Sept. 5 be implemented in two phases.

The first took place on Jan. 2 when smoking was restricted to designated areas only, to ease the transition into the new policy change.

Smokenders, hired by the college to conduct the smoke cessation classes, claims 500,000 smokers have successfully stopped smoking through their program.

Private sessions for Niagara College only are being held at:

Welland Campus: Jan. 18 and Jan. 23; cafeteria; **St. Catharines campus:** Jan. 24, cafeteria.

Niagara personnel who must join public sessions will attend at: Casa del Toro, Welland: Jan. 28; Garrison Quality Inn, Fort Erie: Jan. 26; Cairn Croft, Niagara Falls: Jan. 23.

See Smoking Survey pg. 7

May reveal centre plans

Next week may yield tentative plans for a proposed student recreation centre at Niagara.

Randy Conlon, SAC president and member of the steering committee formed to study the idea, said, a "rough estimate" displaying the college's "needs" and "what we can afford" should be ready by next week.

Richard Baker, of Flemming/Baker Architect, was the architect sought by the committee to "give us an architect's view in writing" on the committee's list of desired features.

They include: a 400-capacity pub with a retractable wall, new SAC offices, a kitchen, pool tables, couches, a general store and, after seeing Mohawk's centre, "We are looking into a bank...as a source of revenue," Randy said.

Editorials

Man wreaks havoc
Salters spew poison

When Texas receives a rare two inches of snowfall, the State Troopers close the highways. When Ontario gets two inches, a menacing army of gigantic Tonkas are belched from unknown depths to battle the life-threatening blizzard.

A minimum of 14,000 dead lakes later, the government is supposed to have got around to trying to enforce pollution controls on acid rain. That's what it says.

Such a clever bunch may eventually realize another environmental hazard — road salt.

After the acid snow falls and after the salters vomit their loads, the melting slush steals its way into the nearby streams where it snuffs out marine life. Those same destructive effects will, no doubt, domino until they reach us.

Who is responsible for the salt decree? Could it be the automotive industry, which likely lauds its corrosive abilities, or the car insurance companies which gleefully hike the already-outlandish premiums of hapless drivers who slide in the salt-formed slush and go boom?

For a specie depending solely on nature for its survival, mankind is playing a selfish and dangerous game of environmental roulette.

Terry Moore

Bullet cuts life short
Public demands truth

The bullet struck him in the back of the head after shattering the back window of the car. He was dead before he knew it.

Michael Wade Lawson, 17, is dead and everyone wants to know why — who's to blame? Is it the police officers, the society that attempts to set limitations on them, or Mr. Lawson himself?

The pages of the **Toronto Sun** have been stock full of interviews with Wade's parents and members of Toronto's black community demanding answers, answers the police must provide if any of us are to know the truth. **The Sun** has been more than willing to provide coverage of the controversy, but has a definite bias toward the victim and his community.

But, what about the police officers? Did they really intend to cut this young man's life short — because he was black? Did they really see black or white when the stolen car Mr. Lawson was driving came at them, as police reports indicate — or did they shoot to save their own lives, and add that last, deadly, shot in a splash of adrenalin?

No one person is a judge and jury, but in some situations instinct takes over. It's a horrible shame a young man is dead, but maybe, just maybe, he should have thought of the possible consequences when he aimed the stolen car at the police officers.

Blair Burgess

Bullpit

Funding for Smokenders could pay for nurse

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

Over the past term the college has gone without a nurse at its helath centres. Administration was forced to cut back on the position, saying the salaries for nurses at the Welland and St. Catharines campuses were too great for them to cover; as a result, the students have been made to suffer along with Dr. Gerry Alexander who must bear the burden of the Health Centre both financially and phsically.

All administration has done is play politics — explaining themselves away to their already enormous budget deficit.

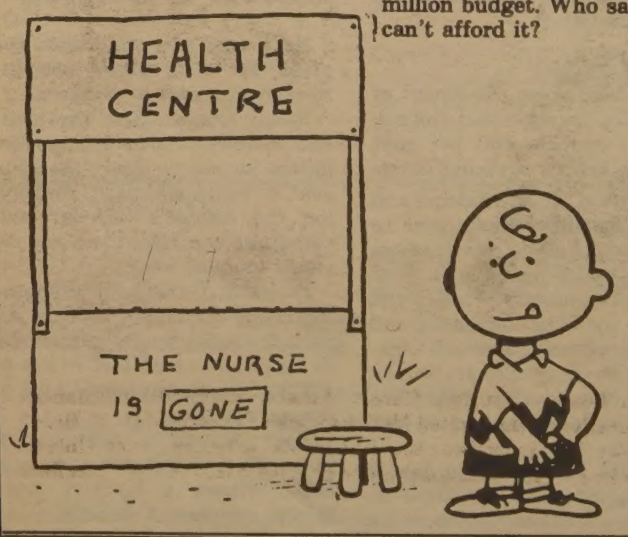
So let me ask this. How is it that the administration has found the money to foot the bill for those involved in the Smokenders program, and yet they can't fund a nurse?

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said this week that about 148 and staff were taking advantage of the program. A little mathematics tells us that the college could pay more than $20,000 to help people quit smoking!

Dr. Alexander said in an interview on Tuesday that it would take about $25,000 to pay the salary of a full-time nurse — something the centre can barely survive without. More mathematics reveal that the cost of a fully-staffed health centre — $40,000 — is less than one per cent of the college's $41 million budget. Who says we can't afford it?

Smoking is a personal option: either one decides to smoke or not. The onus to quit smoking should be on smokers, not the college community. It is a personal health responsibility, not the college's. The administration would scoff at anyone who asked it for money to buy a pack of DuMaurier, so how could it agree to pay for people wishing to kick the disgusting habit?

Does the Board of Governors not see that a health centre is cost-effective, providing health care to students and faculty who would otherwise be forced to take time off during the day to see a doctor off campus? Do they not realize the importance of a college health facility? They have been riding on the coattails of Dr. Alexander's commitment to health care and dedication to the students and faculty of Niagara College for too long; it is about time they re-evaluate their position on the health centre and dig deeper ito the college coffers before it's too late.



Fewer counsellors to help students

By ERIC BEYER
Staff Writer

Niagara College's counselling centre continues to be a busy place — the problem is there are fewer people now to handle the flow.

The four counsellors "change hats every 45 minutes," Counsellor Brigitte Chiki said.

Last year

The counsellors are: Mrs. Chiki, with a social work background; Dorothy Doyle, a medical background; Duane Orr, a teaching background, and Maurice Bosey, co-ordinator, has theological training.

Whereas last year there were four full-time and two part-time counsellors, this year there are only four full-timers.

In 1987, the office received 4,300 personal contacts, 2,500 made from the community and 1,800 within the college. This translates into 860 contacts per counsellor.

This year, there have been 3,850 contacts, or 962 contacts per counsellor, 1,450 from the community and 2,400 from within the college.

With two nurses dropped from the college, students with medical ailments have mistakenly gone to counselling.

September and January are peak months for counselling, with a 50 per cent increase in personal contacts over the preceding month, Mrs. Chiki said.

September is a difficult month for students because of the back-to-school adjustment — especially hard on mature students.

Mrs. Chiki, who has worked at the college for six years, said most personal counselling comes "just before and especially right after" the Christmas holidays.

The visit home can be "depressing" because of family problems and students may tell parents they are dropping courses, or even out of school, Mrs. Chiki added.

However, the seasonal depression is usually a "temporary thing."

Counselling service, an extension of Student Services, is associated with Health Services, Placement and Co-op Centre.

At Welland, the counselling offices are located in Tecumseh and H-20. The satellite campuses have counselling offices, and evening counselling is offered.

Mrs. Chiki had the following tidbit to offer to stressed-out students: "It's easy when things are not going your way to get really depressed, but through our experience, we know there is always something to look forward to. It's OK to seek help."

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Sacred rituals entrance crowd

By MARK TAYTI
Staff Writer

Unique is the only word that will do when summing the night of sacred song and dance performed at Brock Theatre last Saturday by eight monks from the Drepung Loseling monastery, in India.

Up until recently, the sacred tantras and dances were performed exclusively within the walls of the monastery, to be viewed only by those adventurous enough to make the trek to witness them.

The one-night-only performance, which defied categorization, seemed to stun the near capacity crowd which turned out to see what for most was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The vocal techniques, learned through a lifetime of devotion, ranged from haunting mixes of low, droning melodies to high-pitched whirrings comparable to electronic feedback and combined with overtones which resembled the twang of a jaws harp. The most astonishing attribute of their exotic spiritual hymns was the fact that all these sounds were, at times, produced simultaneously by a single vocalist — the most prominent of whom was Umzey Kunkyen.

Three monks from the Drepung-Loseling Monastery stand in front of a sacred altar after their demonstration of sacred song and dance at the Brock theatre last Saturday night. The monks are on a year-long tour to raise money for their monastery. Originating in Tibet, the monks were forced to flee their country during the invasion of the communist Chinese. The evening provided a rare opportunity to observe the once-secret rituals first-hand. This was the monks' first visit to North America. The unique performance seemed to stun the near-capacity crowd. Photo by Mark Tayti

Intense

From the first guttural note to the tinkling of the last sacred bell, the audience was held captive by intense musical chants and the slow, meditative movements of the sacred dancers.

Those who came anticipating the tap, modern and ballroom usually associated with a night of song and dance were probably disappointed with the bizarre, entrancing rituals of the Drepung-Loseling troupe, but anyone with a taste for the truly different must have found the show enthralling.

If the acceptence of their performance was measured by the applause of the crowd, then the show was a colossal success.

The night provided a wide range of mindsets — going from light and amusing to sombre and reflective — as the monks reached out with voice and instrument to enlighten the audience with their ritualistic presentation.

Of the eight rituals performed, the audience seemed most amused by a segment called the Tradition of Debate, a quick-paced monastic duel of wits packed with body language and heated discussion; and although the language was entirely incomprehensible to the audience, chuckles from the crowd proved that some understandings are universal.

The audience was steadily beguiled by music, both instrumental and a cappella and the show was further enhanced by the colorful, to say the least, silk garments worn during the slow, meditative dances which accompanied most of the segments of the performance.

The high point of the evening was during the Tibetan ritual called Dur-du Dak-po, the Dance of the Skeleton Lords. Under the dimmed light of the theatre, the dancers donned death masks and multi-colored costumes to demonstrate the laws of impermanence as perceived by the Enlightened Ones of the 10 directions.

Equally dramatic was the ritual of Kha-dro Ten-zhug Gar-cham, the Longevity Dance of the Sky People. During this ritual, five of the monks adorned themselves in stunning silk garments, each dancer signifying a color of the rainbow; and they stalked the stage in choreographed unison while strange musical notes resonated from their Dung-chens (Tibetan longhorns.) The graceful movements of the dancers, and the mesmerizing rhythms of the exotic instruments produced an audio-visual bombardment that seemingly transported the witnesses of the incredible performance to a place that time forgot.

Patterned

The set — though not a prop — was an altar draped in intricately patterned silks, on which ornaments of silver as well as an icon of the Dalai Lama were placed. It provided an interesting backdrop to the haunting sanctity manifested by the Buddhist rituals.

The show, which ran about three hours, passed quickly. Each of the two parts were explained in detail prior to the performance by Glenn H. Mullin, a Tibetologist and the co-ordinator of the tour, but the intermission detracted slightly from the momentum of the intense performance.

The tour, the first of its kind to visit North America, has already visited many of the major North American cities, such as New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Ottawa. It was organized in an effort to raise money for the new Drepung-Loseling Monastery. Only 500 of 8,000 monks survived during the onslaught of the Communist Chinese on Tibet in 1959.

Sponsored

While in Canada, the year-long tour is sponsored by the Canada-Tibet Friendship Society and the Buddhist Council of Canada. Though not scheduled to stop in St. Catharines, the monks did so at the request of Dr. John Mayer, professor of Philosophy at Brock University. The evening was sponsored by the Brock Philosophical Society.

Up and coming events scheduled by the Brock Philosophical Society will be held on March 18 and on April 23.

In March the society will play host to the Dyachkov Trio. The all-Russia program will include the music of Rachmaninoff, Vlassov, Aivazyan, Shoshtakovich and Arutyunyan.

The April concert will feature the music of Canadian cellist, Ofra Harnoy. McLean's Magazine has called her "the most distinctive young musical artist to emerge from Canada since Glenn Gould."

1988 significant year, Stephen Lewis says

By BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Staff Writer

The year 1988 will be remembered by historians as a significant turning point in the world and was "the day the doomsday clock turned back," Stephen Lewis, former Canadian Ambassador and permanent representative at the United Nations, said.

Mr. Lewis was speaking at Brock University on Tuesday night about his "remarkably fascinating job" of being a representative at the UN.

The turning point was Sept. 16, 1987, on the front page of Pravda when Mikhail Gorbachev "first enunciated Glasnost policy," he said. "Shock ripped through" the western countries. "Diplomats don't know how to react unless they are told how to react," in a world where it's said "telex is the opiate of internal affairs."

The western countries now had two choices: either to "dismiss on rigid idealogical grounds, or did one call their bluff?" It appears the west decided to "shave it to its outer limits," Mr. Lewis said.

The new attitude created "an astonishing renaissance" of the UN. "In one year the organization has undergone a metamorphosis" in its credibility.

Mystical

Earlier, in the period 1984 to 1987, the UN was "not a pleasant place to work." The entire period was unwholesome. The UN was powerless — "It was degrading." In a personal way it was "menacing, always under siege and marginally moribund." It was "more mystical than the Ontario legislature," Mr. Lewis said.

The UN seemed "totally incapable" of arms control and disarmanment. They could only "watch the high and mighty vent indifference and derision." The U.S.S.R. and U.S. can be egocentric in their functioning."

The UN was unable to resolve the numerous regional conflicts around the world during this period:"the indescribable carnage" of one million dead in Afghanistan. There was no way of containing the lunacy in Iran and Iraq. No matter how hard the world tried, "We couldn't get countries away from each other's throats."

The "declaration of isolationism" by the United States, who in 1985 decided to "withhold funding to teach the rest of us a lesson," severly hampered the UN. The U.S. pays 25 per cent of the UN's budget and they decided to hold back $100 million a year. "They were very punative, defiant and angry," Mr. Lewis said. At this moment the U.S. is in arrears of $350 million to the U.N.

Propaganda

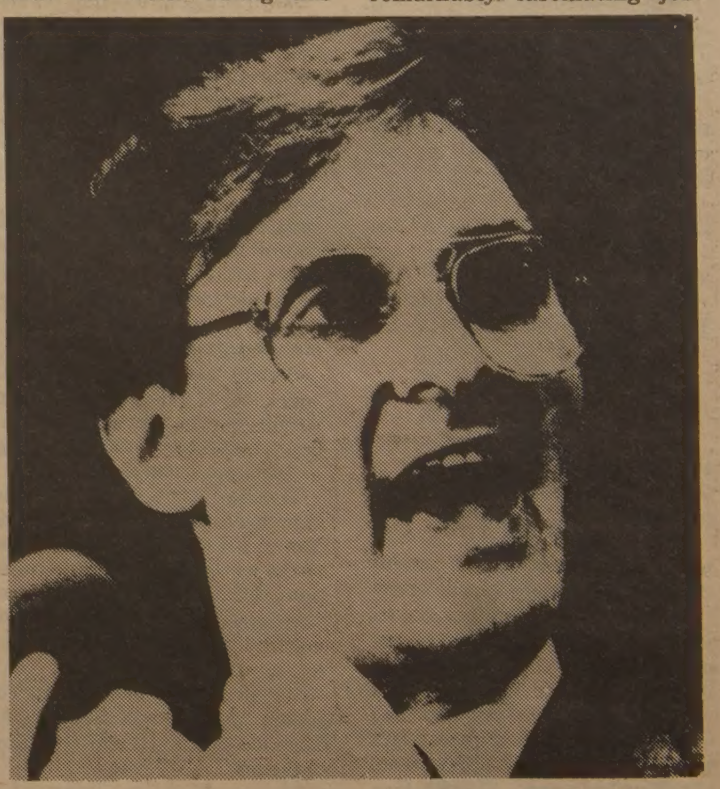
The result of Glasnost was amazing and "the whole thing began to turn around." The Soviets, who previously used the UN to spread Soviet propaganda and "build bridges with the non-aligned countries," paid their entire peace-keeping payments in arrears, $300 million.

"It became vivid and real to the world that we were moving," Mr. Lewis said. The UN had become an international centre of peace and security. With its newfound influence, the UN will be able to do work in the economic, social and human rights arenas.

Mr. Lewis was most impressed with "the strength and force of the Canadian role" at the UN. It all flows from the days of Lester Pearson and his concern for developing countries. Canada's position on the Security Council "allows our voice to ring with authenticity and strength."

The world is very fond of Canada, Mr. Lewis said, although he doesn't know why. Canadians are viewed as "angelic with very few imperfections discernible to the naked eye."

He jokingly thanked "amiable Tory benefactors who allowed me to go" to represent Canada at the UN. "I took the job with enormous gratitude" and it was "a remarkably fascinating job."



Stephen Lewis, Canada's former Amabassador and permanent representative at the United Nations spoke Tuesday night at Brock University. Mr. Lewis was brought to Brock by the Brock University Student Union who continue to provide Niagara with excellent speakers.

Morning was a breeze

Tuesday's windy conditions, and cooler temperatures made leaving the house a bitter experience: sixty kilometres per-hour winds encouraged students to hurry in from their cars. The wind storm was a reminder that winter is still out there, ready to strike at any moment. The wind slowed down in the early morning, and the day finished nicely. There are still two weeks until Groundhog day, which means we could still have two month's of Winter. Better not pack the mitts away yet.

Photo by Mark Tayti

New programs will fill need in community

Two programs sent to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities for approval will fill a real need in the community if they are implemented.

The part-time study programs — Palliative Care Multi-Discipline and Early Childhood Education/Resource Teacher — are expected to be approved by March and begin in September 1989.

The palliative care program is designed as an educational program to enhance the knowledge and skills of people who are working with terminally ill patients, Robert Baddeley, chairman of allied health and preschool education, said.

The early childhood program is intended for people working in the early childhoood education field who want to work with special needs children, both physically and mentally handicapped.

"The programs are a big asset to the community," Mr. Baddeley said. "They will fill two very real needs. The college is looking for programs to attract people to the college and we feel these will do that."

The programs are designed for people with a post-secondary education in the health field. They are offered part-time so that students can continue working full-time. Both programs, comprising a series of courses as well as field placement, will take about 2½ years to complete.

The palliative care program was designed by a palliative care ad hoc committee and Nancy Cain, full-time faculty member in the gerontology program.

The early childhood program was designed in co-operation with the ECE advisory committee. A great deal of work was done by Allison Soave, ECE co-ordinator, and Chantal Millet, faculty member.

The programs have been approved by the Board of Governors. "We don't anticipate any difficulty in getting approval from the ministry," Mr. Baddeley said.

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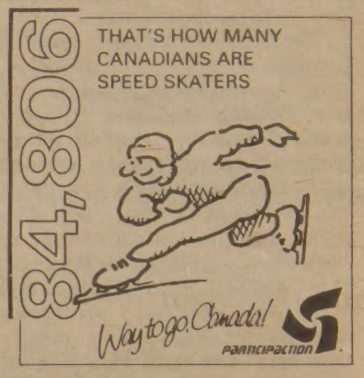

Lake's lure

Fishermen come stalking salmon

Eds. Note: Just a reminder that winter isn't forever.

By BLAIR BURGESS
Staff Writer

Silhouettes of sailboats rise like medieval monsters through the swirls of grey mist. The steady swash of waves hitting the shore is at times hypnotic. The flashing lights of the distant CN Tower bear silent witness.

They're here again. They've been lining up — jockeying for position — along the rocky landings since the minute they arrived. Their fishing lines are cast and they reel lures in, almost in complete unison.

Some wear snowmobile suits to cut the pre-dawn October chill. They all sip on coffee from beat-up thermoses.

As the sun casts its first light on the marina, they take on the appearance of an army on the brink.

The silence is broken with a slapping splash as a hooked fish jumps, beginning its fight for survival. "I've got one!" the fisherman screams. All eyes turned to his wriggling rod and all wish it was their own.

Battle

Five minutes of fervent battle, and the first chinook salmon of the day is landed at 50 Point Conservation Area in Winona.

Three or four help net the fish, weigh it (it's 26 pounds!), and lay its suffocating body on the grass.

The fish flops around, eyeing its captors desperately. One fisherman pulls out a Glad sandwich bag and holds it under the fish, one they have excitedly identified as female. Another squeezes down the underbelly until a jet stream of yellow eggs shoot from mother to bag. "We freeze the eggs and use them for bait next year," one of them explains.

The fisherman decides not to keep the fish and gingerly introduces it to the water. He holds it until it recovers from shock and slowly swims away.

As the day wears on, more and more fishermen arrive at the park and positioning becomes intense: some cast lines into restricted areas of the marina — within 100 feet of a sailboat or where the surviving salmon are spawning under floating weeds.

For every 50 honest fishermen, there is one who makes this a personal vandetta against the salmon. He eyes his prize - a spawning chinook — and tries to snag the fish while no one's looking.

Snagged

Once snagged the fish is reeled in. The fisherman takes the eggs and simply leaves the fish to die on the grass.

Understaffed on weekends, the conservation area tries to enforce fishing regulations, but it is a hopeless battle — the park is just too big. The only defence is to identify ones who constantly thumb their noses at park regulations and remove them from the park, because, above all, this is a conservation area, not a slaughterhouse.

As the season goes into late October, more sailboats are removed for winter storage and more salmon are in the marina's waters — brought back by instinct.

The day arrives all fishermen have been waiting for — the last day of lift-out. All boats are out of the water and Park Superintendant Bruce MacKenzie declares a free-for-all — fishing is allowed anywhere in the marina — as long as there's no snagging.

For the first time during the season, government fisheries officers are present, ready to charge snaggers.

After another two weeks of fervent spawning, and fishing, the marina becomes silent again. Bodies of dead fish float — bloated and rotting, emitting a sickening stench. The ritual is over and all is silent until spring.

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Winter's not over yet

Winter's deep freeze has already affected portions of Lake Ontario's shoreline. Mountains of icebergs trail the once warm and sandy beaches creating a cold forbidding look. The vastness of the lake is apparent when compared with the iceberg floating in the middle. Many icebergs had broken away from the shoreline on this day when temperatures were seven degrees celcius, but one should not get excited. There are another 60 days of winter waiting to freeze much more of the lake.

Photo by Julie Slack

Smoking survey

Brickbats, bouquets for designated areas

By MARK TAYTI
Staff Writer

Niagara News went out among the students to find out how they felt about having to drag their butts down to the designated smoking areas to light up. This is what the students had to say:

Victor Nuziato, human relations, said, "It sucks. We're not provided with enough seats or enough room to smoke." He said that the school is trying to create a community environment, "but now it seems more like an institution — what next? It's segregating the school population."

Nicole Fisher, human relations, said not enough area was designated to smokers. "I don't really think designated smoking areas are fair, but I can see their (non-smokers') point."

Lorna Haycock, human relations, is a non-smoker who just quit smoking four months ago. She said that second-hand smoke doesn't bother her — "only when it's going up my nose." Lorna doesn't like the idea of having a designated area around the mini-caf. "I think it was a poor choice. When you walk through there you can't breathe."

Christine Fehrman, educational resource and special needs, is a smoker who doesn't find the designated area inconvenient or too small. "I think it's fine for the non-smokers and it gives the smokers a place to be."

Chris Foster, law and security, said having to smoke in designated areas has not affected the way he smokes. "I'm not going to quit because of it." Chris said it wouldn't bother him next September when he had to go outside to smoke.

Debbie Grenfell, general college, said designated areas "suck" because she can't have a cigarette on her way to class when she is late; however, the new rules are having an effect on the amount she smokes — "and that's good." She said she doesn't like smell of smoke and that the designated areas are smoky. "I would rather go outside to smoke."

Jeff Ruckle, human relations, said his roommate is a non-smoker who finds the smoke is now much more concentrated. "She liked it better the way it was before." As for himself, he feels that there is not enough room provided for the smokers. He is also against the idea of using the mini-caf as a designated area. "I don't mind the smell of smoke, but not while I eat." Jeff would like to see more seats in the smoking areas.

Richard P. Citrigno, human relations, is a non-smoker who is not bothered by second-hand smoke. "I think smokers should have the right to smoke. It's legal, so you should be able to do it anywhere."

Sahsha Polywjanyj, business sales, thinks that having a designated smoking area by the mini-caf "is the stupidest thing they (the college) have done yet." He said the movement towards a smoke-free environment is not going to stop him from smoking. "I love my nicotine."

Frank Napoli, human relations, is a non-smoker who is bothered by second-hand smoke, and he said walking through the designated areas "bothers me." Asked how he feels about a smoke-free environment at the college, he said "I love it, but it's unfair. Although I agree with a total ban on smoking, it's only one person's opinion."

Diana Reesal, human relations, thinks the college is being "fair" with the policy on smoking. "They could have just cut it right out." She said that "it's fantabulous" that the college is paying for the cessation classes, and she is taking advantage of the offer.

Reanne Greenland, computer, business applications, is a smoker who can understand the rights of people who don't smoke, "but I have rights too!" She said a lot of people she has spoken to believe that the mini-caf is not the place for a designated area, and she agrees. Even though she won't be attending the college next year, "It still bothers me that there will be no smoking at all in September."

Mike James, business sales, said that when it comes to the smoking policy, he adheres to the rules. "I'm trying to quit and I am going to go to the cessation classes. I don't mind designated areas, but I don't like having one around the mini-caf."

Industry welcomes proposed program

By FRAN YANOR
Staff Writer

Richard Furbacher has designed a new micro-electronics engineering program, unique to the college system in Canada. The proposal — which has still to be approved by the Board of Governors — has been greeted with enthusiasm from the industry.

Mr. Furbacher, electronics instructor, has proposed establishing "a separate (three-year) program dedicated to micro-electronics," to replace the three courses the college offers now. There is no other college in Canada that offers a similar program.

Anton Strifler, president of Burlington-based Antel Optronics Inc., said, "The future of this country is in high technology and Mr. Furbacher has shown great foresight in recognizing this fact."

"It warrants the college's support, the community's support, and government and industry's support."

Companies have already invested in micro-electronics lab, making the facilities "unique at the college in North America," the program proposal said.

MAY LOSE OUT

Most equipment was donated from the industry, but Mr. Furbacher fears that if the new program is not implemented the college may lose their support. "If we don't move now we'll lose the lead... U.S. programs are mushrooming" and Canada is sure to follow.

The proposed program took two years of research and planning.

"I think that at this point everybody realizes that if we don't have a major initiative for a new program creation soon, we face extinction."

As the whole electronic industry is moving toward micro-electronics, the demand for experienced micro-electronics technologists and technicians is increasing," he explained. Seven positions were offered this term with no students to fill them.

The courses are mainly "hands on." Upon graduation the students will have one year's experience and "will be able to do the job with practically no training neccessary," Mr. Furbacher said. A lot of companies hire only co-op students; that way their work skills can be evaluated before a decision must be made whether to offer them employment.

ALREADY TRAINED

Mr. Strifler said his company is now training people after their college education; "through this program that person will come out already trained."

Bish Turlej, president of Silcom Manufacturing Technology in Mississauga, employs several Niagara College graduates, but said, "We always have a shortage of people with that type of background and it's going to be even worse."

He believes the program would be "extremely useful in the future." Happy with the content, he thinks it's well balanced, "I see things (in the program) that I'd like to see there."

Matthew Fischer, general manager of the Niagara Region Development Corporation — a non-profit organization established by the Niagara Region to help attract, assist, start and expand area businesses — is "hopeful that the college would be able to develop a reputation in the technology area." He thinks that with the implementation of the program, "companies would be attracted to grads..." increasing investments in the area.

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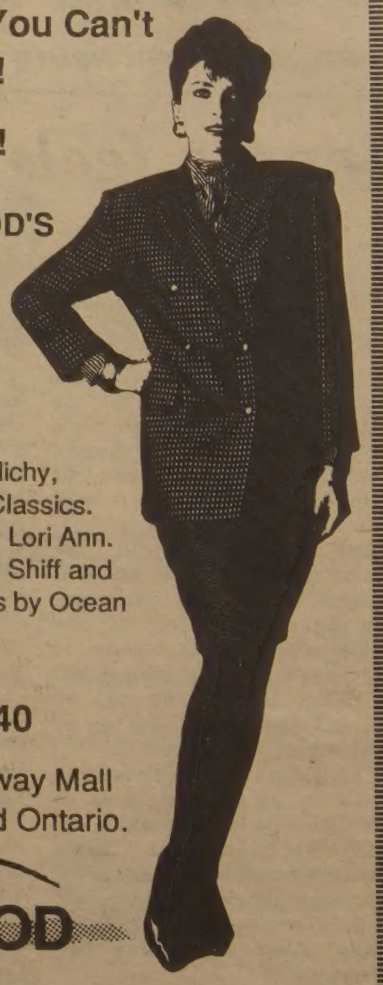


From St. Catharines Campus

Stories and Pictures
By BERNIE PUCHALSKI

'We plan events and help students'

While the Student Administrative Council looks after the needs of most Niagara students, the St. Catharines campus is serviced by the Student Senate.

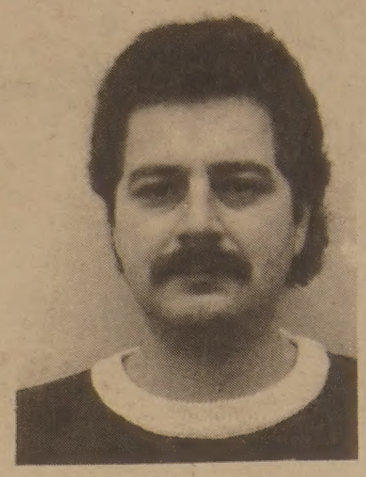
"Basically, we plan events and help students who need emergency funds," Darryl Hill, senate vice-president, said.

Members of this year's senate are Carolyn Mason, president; Darryl Hill, vice-president; Marilynn Prentice, secretary; Allison Teneycke, treasurer, and Rick Derosier, events chairman. All members were elected by acclamation.

The senate is not affiliated with SAC and raises funds from a coffee machine, pool table and video machines of which they receive 50 per cent, Rick said.

"We usually try to operate on a budget of $2,500 for six months but usually we end up dipping into the kitty," Darryl said.

The St. Catharines student Senate has a five-member executive headed by president Carolyn Mason, pictured above. The senate is not affiliated with the Student Administrative Council and raises funds from vending machines.



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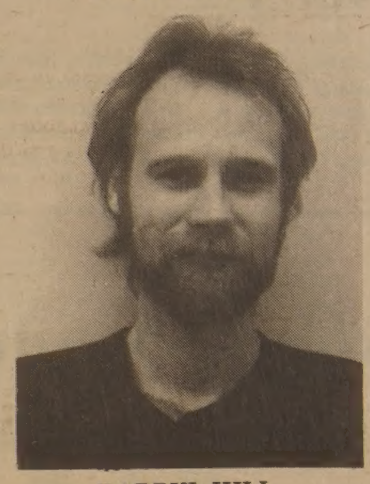

DARRYL HILL

NO PROFIT

The senate organizes a pub at The Gathering once a month and no profit is made. All profits go back to the students in the form of free concert ticket giveaways and free refreshments. The senate is not profit-oriented and "we lose money on every event," Darryl said.

As on the Welland campus, it is hard to get students involved, Rick said. The average age of students at the St. Catharines campus is between 25 and 40. Many of the students are single parents or "people who are tired of dead-end jobs," he said.

"A lot of the students are on training allowances and can't afford the pubs," Carolyn said.

Turnout at the pubs is generally good, except the last one was a flop, Rick said. The pubs are well attended by students from the Horticulture Centre and the Mack Centre, he said. "We even have lots of students coming from the Welland campus."

NO PAY

Unlike SAC executives who get $200 a month, senate service is voluntary. Their reward is "just being part of the fun, Rick said. Carolyn jokingly added, "And part of the headaches."

Darryl said "All we get out of it is a free meal every two weeks," referring to the senate's dinner meeting every second Friday.

In addition to monthly pubs, the senate organized a camping trip to Bissell's Hideaway at the end of June and a Christmas party attended by more than 200 children. These offspring of Niagara students were treated to presents, Christmas stockings and Santa.

The next event planned is a ski trip to Kissing Bridge on Feb. 11. The cost of the trip is $25 and includes party bus and an eight-hour lift ticket. The bus will leave the St. Catharines campus at noon and return at midnight. Students from all the campuses are invited to attend.

SAC denies Naughton

Student Administrative Council executives stood with president Randy Conlon and refused to second a motion by vice-president of finance, Chris Naughton, to send him to an Ontario Federation Students conference in Toronto.

At a SAC meeting Monday, Chris put the motion to have his travelling expenses met in return for a report he would file on the conference; however, Randy felt Chris' participation would undermine the position of Ontario Community College Student Presidents' Association. Twenty of Ontario's community colleges withdrew from the university dominated OFS in 1982 and have been battling to establish a college lobby at Queen's Park in Toronto.

"In the past 22 years the community colleges have paid dues and have gotten nothing back," Randy said after the meeting. "The colleges want to stand on our own feet. We don't want to be riding on the universities' coattails anymore."

WRONG MESSAGE

"I am not going to condone it," Randy said feeling Chris' attendance as a Niagara College representative would send the wrong message.

SAC usually meets the travelling expenses of its members when they attend conferences.

Even without the support of SAC, Chris said he should have his expenses met. He is going to attend the conference with money from Brock, which he also attends, and out of his own pocket.

"It is a general benefit to the school," Chris said. "I make contacts with members of other councils, attend meetings and seminars. It will make my job easier to do. For instance, we are attempting to build a student centre. I could talk to other delegates and learn from their mistakes. I don't really understand their decision."

OCCSPA represents 20 of Ontario's community colleges and Randy said it may soon represent 22.

Campus advertising

Senate feels SAC policy unfair

When the student senate of St. Catharines' campus hangs its posters at the Welland campus, it's a clandestine operation.

"We can't make them (posters) stand out," Rick Derosier, senate event chairman, said. They are printed on regular size, plain white photocopies. The senate doesn't want "anything that the Student Administrative Council will notice," he said.

The senate was told "we couldn't post posters at any SAC campus," Darryl Hill, senate vice-president, said. During the Shinerama pub they wanted to advertise a pub but, "We talked to Randy Conlon who said we couldn't put advertising up at your school," Rick said.

"They can't put up advertising if it's on the same night as an event we're having," Randy Conlon, SAC president, said. "That is totally reasonable," because SAC is trying to provide entertainment for 2,500 students at this campus. "Any other time they can advertise."

"SAC shouldn't have the right to dictate the events people from the main campus go to," Dave said. "We just said too bad, we're putting them up anyways. We stuck to our guns unless some higher authority tells us we can't," Rick said. "We knew right off, he (Randy) couldn't say that."

There is an "anonymous lookout" who tells the senate if the posters are still up, Dave said. "We don't touch any bulletin boards by the SAC office." The last time the senate put up posters at the Welland campus, they "were nervous and snuck through carrying posters folded to the inside," Rick said.

"All we want to do is open more doors," Rick said. "All SAC wants to do is make more money on their pubs," Carolyn Mason, senate president, said.

"I just feel if they don't want to have anything to do with us, we'll just go our own way and do what we want to do," she said. "The only posters we get from SAC are hockey and baseball games."

If the St. Catharines campus is closed, a lot of students will be going to the Welland Campus, Carolyn said. "What will they have for the older crowd?"

The senate tried to get to the names of SAC's event committee but "Randy just brushed us off," Darryl said. "We wanted to collaborate on certain things but they don't even call the event committee here."

"I've met them once, during the first week of school," Randy said. "The first week was so busy" he didn't have time so he told them to get back to him. "They have not talked to me since."

If the senate contacted him and wanted to combine on something, "that would be fine, but they haven't."

The student union at Brock University "have accepted us with open arms" and have invited us to advertise on their campus, Darryl said. "They don't feel threatened."

"We will still put posters up for the students but we won't get involved with SAC," Rick said.

Later this month if you see students discreetly sneaking around putting up posters, don't be alarmed. It's only the senate events committee putting up posters advertising their February pub.

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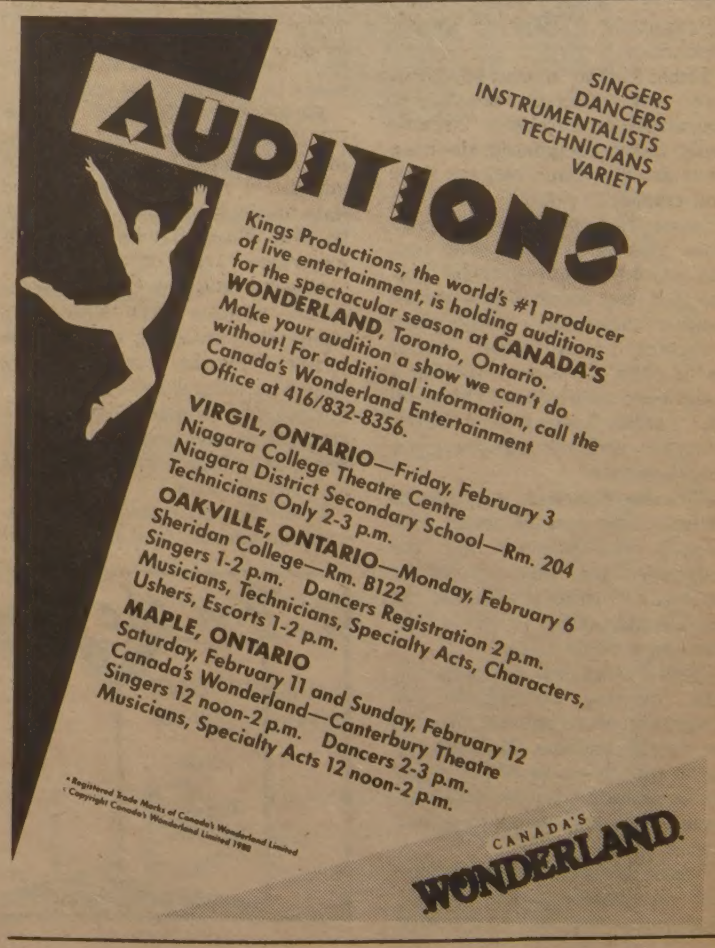
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A view from a room

Islands of snow get smaller under the sunlight's assault: At times the drudgery of getting up early and going to school weighs heavily. One morning last week, the morning sunlight cast long shadows from the students and landscape, as viewed from the third floor of the Simcoe building. "Sunshine break" such as this are few and far between in the winter season — but when one does happen, the "wild" outdoors seem as accomodating as the sunlight's warmth, and school's drudgery is temporarily forgotten.

Photo by Eric Beyer

Copier revenue for SAC

A new photocopier has been leased by the Student Administrative Council to replace the relic in the library.

The photocopier, a 1045 — the same type outside the mini-caf — replaced the one in the library which had been broken down more than it had been operational in the first part of this year, Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said.

The new machine, installed Dec. 22, will cost the council $3,000 a year for three years. SAC will be responsible for repairs and maintenance but it will get all of the revenue.

Niagara alumni star

TV Islam ponders Problem of Evil

After a disappointing broadcast of the first part of a television program produced and written by two former Niagara College faculty, the conclusion managed to get off without a hitch.

The Dec. 1 telecast of The Problem of Evil, written by John Giancarlo, former dean of applied arts, and produced by Tayie Rehem, formerly of the Theatre Centre, shown on Vision TV had major problems. In Welland, Fonthill and Niagara Falls, the program aired without audio; the conclusion, Dec. 15, was telecast without problems.

Mr. Rehem, producing the Islam TV show which focused on the problems and existence of evil in the religious, philosophical and non-sectarian world, was "highly, highly disappointed" in the first telecast.

"The problem was that they (the cable company) have no one there after 5 p.m. to correct any problems," he said in an interview after the first part of the program was broadcast.

George Sheppard, manager of technical operations for Armstrong Cable, assured the producer that the problem would be corrected for the concluding broadcast. "There was a technical problem with the audio feed," he said. The program was broadcast in stereo and the company does not broadcast in stereo on that channel, Channel 20 in Welland.

Ogwen Glyn-Jones, former chairman of communication arts at the college, took part in a panel discussion that was part of the program.

Hennepin Gallery variety

Three degrees of reality - or not

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

When you consider how many surrealists it takes to change a light bulb, consider also how many variations on a theme an artist can convey and the extent and combination of mediums. Three successful artists express three varied levels of realness, surrealness and unrealness this month in the Hennepin Gallery. Deep dark secrets of dreams to bright rivers of guided colors describe some of the diversity offered in the Hennepin Gallery until Jan. 28.

Phases: The works of Craig Brockwell, Tim Cerantola and Carol Farrar, gallery curator, range individually in development as well as compartively in style and content.

Dreams

Life and death from dreams dominate the themes in the drawings and paintings of Mr. Brockewll, who reflects his interest of dream description. "We are influenced by everything we encounter in our lives...my work reflects this and weaves a tapestry of images culminating in my impressions. Nothing is new, just perception of what exists," says a mini-bio.

Faceless women and men of great physical definition are presented in a bleakness accentuated by stark lines of lead or ink in a series of surreal impressions, a polarity of life, death and a limbo in the balance.

"Verbally he doesn't express much other than here's my art'," Ms. Farrar said. "He's very adept at what he's doing...a remarkable pencil technique."

Of her own work, Ms. Farrar expressed an experimental approach. The three-year curator at Hennepin Gallery, also an art teacher and university student, said, "I never try to limit myself with one particular medium. I suppose, like many artists, I'm most satisfied with what I've most recently done."

Her latest series are colored-pencil drawings of ribbons of brightly blended intensity that fade or finish into geometric focus. Unusual in idea, the series has harmonious flow in a usual medium. They are comfortable, interesting pieces that invite the eye.

So does her wallsize Wallpainting: pastel blotches over pencilled guides that glide softly on canvas. Striking in simplicity, it is easy to consider it for a wall in any residential room, not strictly on a gallery divider. Textural netting on board and pastel clouds of spatial significance indicate other transitions in Ms. Farrar's presentation.

Highlighting the eclectic exhibition are the works of Tim Cerantola, whose phases in progress and development are most evident. Behind blatant, basic chalkboard-style etched color on black are stories, thoughts, intended ambiguities.

Family is a wonderful work on blackboard black with colored chalkline strokes of faces in profile against societal properties of life. And in Waiting, you really feel as if you are! It is perhaps the best piece in the show.

Phases

In other phases, surrealness beyond surreal. Complexity through puzzle-pieced continuations. Contradictions that mesh. Scratched backgrounds that boost definitive glops.

"With Tim there is always a kind of hidden meaning," Ms. Farrar said. "He has a great sense of humor and it comes through...he's quite talented."

Indeed he is. As are the two who share the trio of Phases.

Oh, and how many surrealists does it take to change a lightbulb?

Fish.

Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.

Basic Memberships are $10
Patron Memberships $25 (which would both really help gallery funding)

OOOPS

The Niagara News apologize to Bea Clark for inadvertently misspelling her name in the story, (NC trio return from China), in the Jan. 13 Niagara News.

Old habits die hard. The Niagara News referred to the Mack School of Nursing in cutlines in the same edition. However, the head on the page correctly recognized today's reality: the Mack Centre.

Grads in hometown papers

Niagara College students will be encouraged to submit their graduation photos to newspapers in their home towns.

Students will be expected to pay for the space their pictures take up, but all arrangements will be made by a committee formed by Bruce McNiven, tourism teacher.

Mr. McNiven approached the Student Administrative Council asking whether it could help by paying $1.50 per student for the time and handling the committee will be putting into advertising Niagara graduates.

"The basic idea is to recognize the grads," Mr. McNiven said.

He brought the idea before SAC with the hope that by making a contract with the papers, the cost to the students may be reduced.

SAC agreed to give the $1.50 per graduating student up to a maximum of $750. Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, is willing to pay for the head which will say "Niagara College Grads," Mr. McNiven said.

The committee will send a package of student pictures from the same area to the local newspaper.

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SAC Blue Jay trip in April

For the second year in a row, SAC will sponsor a trip to the Toronto Blue Jays home opener.

Two buses will travel to Exhibition Stadium on Friday, April 12. The buses will be luxurious coaches, with washrooms; the cost is $30 per ticket. Included in the cost will be a SAC/Blue Jays commemorative sweatshirt.

"The trip was a lot of fun last year and should be even better this year," Julie Boone, vice-president of athletics who is in charge of organizing the trip, said. "We even have better seats."

Tickets will be available in March or early April at the Student Administrative Council office.

"Any students who can take the day off should have a good time," Julie said.

The motion for the trip was passed unanimously by SAC at a meeting Monday.

Sports

'No excuses' for penalties Streak over with 5-4 loss

By BILL SAWCHUK
Staff Writer

The winning streak is over. Erie Community College defeated Niagara 5-4 in overtime Wednesday night in Orchard Park, N. Y. Chris Kruger scored 5:29 into extra time to give the Kats the win.

Kruger pounced on a bouncing puck after it had hopped over defenceman Brian Rome's glove at centre ice, then eluded Brian's diving swipe, and scored.

The Knights, who had defeated the team easily earlier in the season, led the game 2-0 after a period and 2-1 after two.

Penalties

"No excuses," Coach Fred Bassi said after the game which dropped the Knights' record to 7-1. "We got suckered into too many penalties."

The Knights were whistled for 21 infractions and played most of the crucial last 7:00 of the third period shorthanded in a match that featured a great deal of stick work.

"We were not serious enough," Mr. Bassi said.

Brian Collins had a stellar game between the pipes making at least 10 stops — including three or four glove saves — that should have been goals.

"They'll rebound," Mr. Bassi said. "This team has a lot of character."

Niagara's Dan Rietz scored an unassisted goal to make the score 3-2 while Ken Bilodeau made the score 4-2 with an assist going to Blake Sawyer before Erie made their comeback.

Erie's Chris Kruger was in on all five of his team's goals collecting four assists and a goal.

The Kats narrowed Niagara's lead in the second period on a goal by Tony Palombaro.

The Kats could easily have been tied but a goal was called back when it was knocked in with a high stick.

The Knights took a 2-0 first period lead; however, again the score could have been closer if not for a goal post and more good saves by Collins.

Collins

Collins stopped pesky Chris Kruger on a breakaway when he barely got a skate on the puck and made another save when he sprawled across the net and got an arm on a puck headed for the bottom corner.

Mike Martineau made the score 1-0 Niagara as he moved up from his defensive position and put a shot into the top corner. Jamie MacCaskill and Blake Sawyer picked up assists on the goal.

Stu Gallardi got the Knights' second goal on a wicked blast from just inside the blueline which the Erie goaltender got his glove on but couldn't stop. Jamie MacCaskill and Ken Bilodeau earned assists.

Hold on!

A Knights' defenceman puts the grab on a University of Buffalo player in Niagara's 8-7 victory Saturday night. The Knights blew to an 8-3 lead in the third period but hung on to the win as they split their first two league games of 1989. On Wednesday night, Erie Community College of Orchard Park, New York, defeated Niagara 5-4 in over time. Photo by Bill Sawchuk

Game benefits Alumni

The Niagara College Hockey Knights swing into action next when they play the Niagara South high school's all-star team in a benefit exhibition game at the Welland Arena on Saturday night.

The faceoff is 8 p.m. for the game, and proceeds will go towards the College's Alumni Club fund.

"The Alumni Club is made up of former players at Niagara and will help student athletes in the future," Fred Bassi, coach of the varsity Knights, said.

"Any money we take in at the game will go to help get the club off ground," he said. "It will go towards letterhead and that sort of thing."

Knights

January brings line-up shuffle

The Knights added a familiar face, a new one, and subtracted from the lineup over the Christmas break; however, the changes should do little to interfere with the intangible quality that separates good from bad hockey teams: chemistry.

Star centre Blake Sawyer returns to the Knights after taking the fall off school and should add scoring punch and leadership to the already deep Knight squad.

"Blake averaged three points a game for us last year," coach Fred Bassi said. "He is not in great shape but if he comes around by he should help otfensively."

Blake, a St. Catharines native, led the Knights to the International Collegiate Hockey League Championship last year. The victory was an upset as the Knights finished third in the regular season. They got their game together at the right time of the season with championship tournament victories over Penn State and Buffalo State for the league crown. Blake was an instrumental part of that team, in addition to being named to the first team tournament all-star squad and leading the team in scoring.

Solid team

Dan Pidgeon, a big aggressive defenceman/forward, adds depth and versatility to an already solid team.

"Dan has Junior A experience and played a year at Humber," Mr. Bassi said. "So he has top level experience."

Compensates

The Knights lost heady Dan Nadeau, who decided to return to the Welland Jr. B Aerostars with whom he played last year. His touch around the net will be missed but the addition of Sawyer should compensate for it.

"I don't think we'll miss him," Mr. Bassi said. "Even without the new guys we would still be able to compensate for him with the players we have."

Wintercourse: five nights of frolic

If you've seen posters around saying Wintercourse '89 but are not sure just what it is, don't despair. It's just sheer fun. The event, sponsored by the Student Administrative Council, is a winter carnival that will run its course from Jan. 30 to Feb. 3.

Monday, Jan. 30, will begin a three-day scavenger hunt and the day will end with a kickoff pub at Gilligans where the judging for the king and queen of Wintercourse will take place. The prize for the King and Queen will be $50 each and free admission to the week's events.

Tuesday will feature a hot chocolate-chugging contest. A golf tournament will start the day off and at night a bus trip to The Bakery in Niagara Falls, N.Y., is planned. A four-hour open bar and all the wings you can eat or salad bar will cost $20 per student.

Wear your funniest hat and/or tie on Wednesday and you could win a Wintercourse sweatshirt at the Sno-Splash pub featuring Messenjah in the evening.

Lunch time entertainment on Thursday will be Jimmy Avon in the cafeteria from 12 to 2 p.m. Outside there will be baseball, football, tennis and possibly a volleyball game in the gymnasium for sports buffs. The evening will bring a bus trip to Don Cherry's Grapevine in Hamilton, at a cost of $6 a person.

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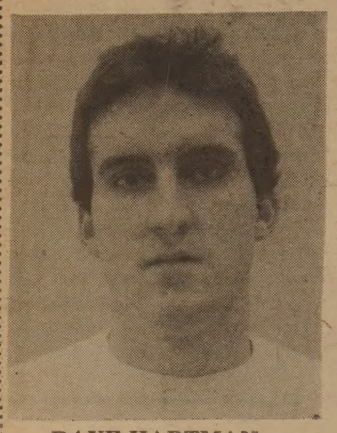
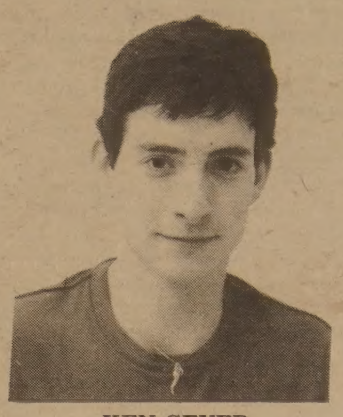
Sports

Men's varsity volleyball team



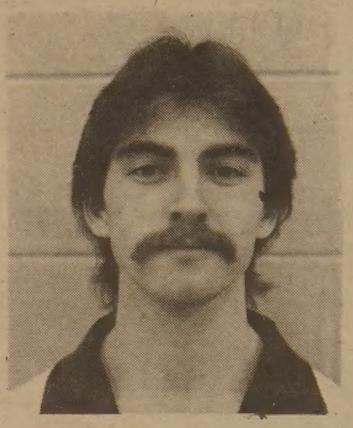
DAVE HARTMAN

A construction engineering technology student, Dave played on the team last year and is the team leader and the captain. He attended Ridgeway High.



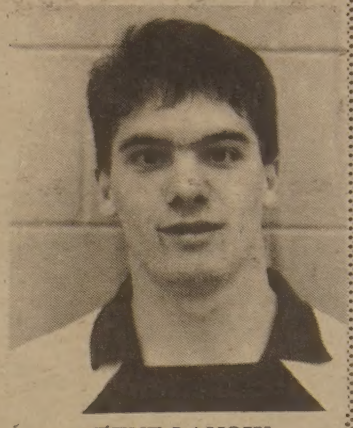
KEN GEYER

A Niagara Falls native, Ken is a role player and one of the hardest workers on this year's team. He is in the College Vocational program.



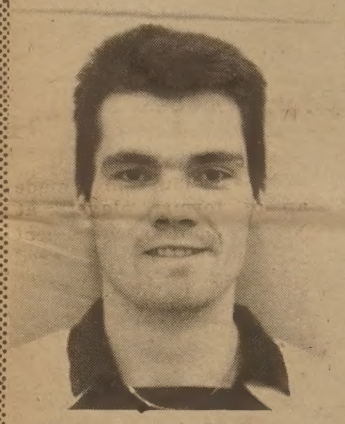
BRIAN GILES

Brian attended Lakeport High School in St. Catharines and is a back row digger. He comes off the bench in special situations.



RENE LANOIX

Rene is a starting setter and an experienced player who transferred from Confederation College in Thunder Bay. He attended Hearst High School in Hearst, Ont.

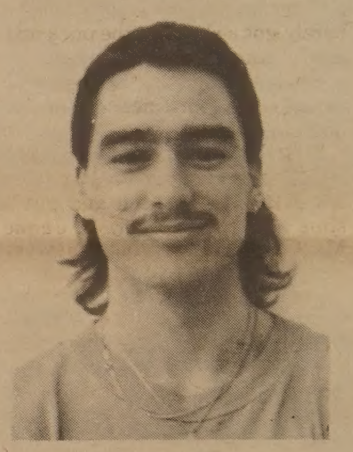


WARREN CURRELL

Warren attended Westlane Secondary School in Niagara Falls and is a strong setter and passer. He is a business administration student.

JIM MILLER

A Merritton High School graduate, Jim is a middle hitter or setter. He is a starter and brings experience to the team.

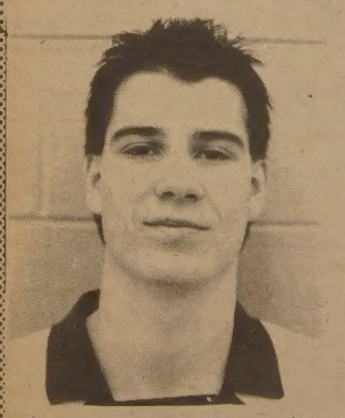


SCOTT YOUNG

An offside hitter, Scott is a good passer and defensive player. He attended Merritton High School and is taking business administration.

CHRIS MUDJAR

Chris is the most experienced player on the team. A Law and Security Administration student, he plays middle and six back and attended Glendale High in Hamilton.



JACK VANGEYTEMBEEK

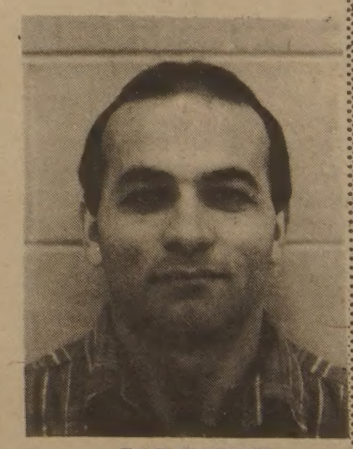
Jack, a first-year Law and Security student, is a blocker and attended Westbrook Secondary School in Welland.

BRIAN MACDONALD

A starter, Brian plays the power position and is an improving and consistent hitter. Coach Ray Sarkis feels he can build a team around him. Brian, a business administration student, has four years of volleyball experience at Lakeport High School in St. Catharines.

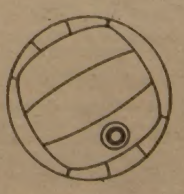
MARC SIGOUIN

Marc, a first-year business administration student, is a strong power hitter. A starter, he is gaining experience with every game. Marc attended Holy Cross in St. Catharines.



RAY SARKIS

Ray is in his second year coaching volleyball at Niagara. Last year he led the team to a silver medal in Ontario's Tier II championships.



Knights hang on for win

By BILL SAWCHUK
Staff Writer

The hockey Knights played their smartest game of the season Saturday night defeating the University of Buffalo 8-7 in Amherst, New York.

UB moves the puck well, giving them an effective powerplay which can be deadly against teams like Niagara which take a lot of penalties.

On Saturday, however, Niagara added some brains to their brawn. The Knights were whistled for only 11 penalties in the crisp, cleanly played game; the last time the teams met, the Knights took 21.

The discipline proved opportune for Niagara. UB came into the game wanting revenge from an 8-2 rout by the Knights early in December — UB's only loss of the season.

CAME CLOSE

Niagara came close to losing its collective temper only once in the game: a controversial seventh goal by UB late in the third period.

But coach Fred Bassi fought, successfully, to keep control of his troops before their tempers put them in the penalty box during the game's tense finish.

"Yes, they (the Knights) get kind of excited, and I have to get on them," Mr. Bassi said. "But they are a smart team. They know when they've made a mistake."

The Knights only received 10-minute misconducts to captain Jim Beattie and Brian "Rowdy Roddy" Rome. The team may have got a break on the penalties since the referee's other alternative, a two-minute unsportsmanlike penalty, would have put them shorthanded.

On the goal, Jim Darling appeared to have the puck frozen under his pad, but UB kept digging, pried it out and got it into the net.

DIDN'T KNOW

"The ref couldn't even see it," Jim said. "He didn't even know who scored the goal."

The Knights were than able to regain their cool and hold off hard-charging UB for the final 3:28 of the game.

The win runs Niagara's record to a perfect 7-0 in league play.

"Niagara always finish their checks," UB coach Richard Brooks said. "They don't allow the other team many opportunities. We didn't respond to the contact and let them have the upper hand for two periods."

The Knights led 5-3 after two periods, added three goals in the first 10 minutes of the third period, and appeared in control.

However, UB wouldn't quit and scored four goals in 4:57 of the third period to close the score to 8-7.

"We quit coming back," Niagara forward Jim Denardi said of the teams let-down in the final 10 minutes.

Jim Darling, the Knights' goalie, preserved the victory with a couple of glove saves at the end of the game.

Chris Vandermeer led Niagara with three goals while Blake Sawyer chipped in two and Brian Rome, Mike Mooradian and Mike Martineau added singles.

Student soars with heavenly aspiration

By MARK TAYTI
Staff Writer

David Kukoly has been wandering about with his head in the clouds for the past four years, but his feet are planted firmly in his own future.

The first-year law and security student has amibitions of one day becoming a pilot for the OPP. David, who already has his fixed-wing licence, is trying to achieve the statue of flying instructor at the Welland Airport, and to do this he is literally working his way through his lessons.

Contract

He signed a contract with the airport to exchange labor for lessons, but as part of the deal, David has been guaranteed a job at the airport when his training is complete.

His duties will include flying charters to the United States and evaluating new pilot trainees. He hopes to have his instructor's licence by March or April.

David is hedging his bets between commercial airline pilot and police officer, but all his career plans are flexible to one point. That point is that his job is but a means to an end. His job will provide the funds for his real dream of buying an aerobatic plane and flying it.

The thing which attracts him most to flying is the freedom it provides. "It's a lot of fun to be able to jump in a plane and take off to Montreal for lunch."

Family

It's no surprise that he wants to be a flyer; his father was a flyer and his cousin flies. David got hooked on flying by watching Baa Baa Blacksheep on television. The Cessnas and Pipers he flies probably don't compare to the Spit fires flown in the Second World War, but flying today does have its exciting monents; "It's a really big rush to be flying upside down."

The flying is not all fun, though;

David Kukoly, first-year Law and Security Administration student goes around this Cessna airplane to make some last-minute checks before his take-off. Dave has been flying at the Welland Airport nearly every chance he gets. He is working towards his Instructors licence. Dave has had his private licence for four years, and he, one day, hopes to make a career out of flying. Photo by Mark Tayti

aside from written exams, there are many practical applications of flight that must be mastered before winning a pilot's licence, such as, flying by instrument only, navigational skills and emergency procedures.

Harrowing experiences can arise. David recalls a nerve-rattling flight when he had passengers aboard. His plane hit a wind sheer and start to roll over.

"One of the girls was praying, and the other girl was being sick in the back of the plane," David said. "The guys at the clubhouse thought I was going to make the big smoking hole at the end of the runway."

Dave said situations arise every day which tax a pilot's skills.

"You can teach anybody to fly a plane — even a monkey — that's been proven," Dave said. "The big problem is that not everyone can handle the emergency procedures."

He feels all his efforts will pay off in the future, and he has noticed a demand for pilots over the years. "Lots of jobs are opening up, and the pay is getting better all the time."

He said bush pilots can make as much as $45,000 a year, but flying in the bush represents another step towards better things. "Teaching looks great on a resume, but flying larger planes — like Otters and Beavers — gives you more credibility when applying with the larger airlines."

David decided to come to Niagara College after spending a year at the University of Guelph studying nuclear physics, but he didn't like the idea of doing it for a living. He prefers to do something outside, either by himself or in a small group. As for where he would like to live, his wishes for the quiet life steer him away from the big cities. "I want to stay away from Toronto."

Head North

When he is free from his contract with the Welland airport in June 1990, he will probably spend a summer up north in the bush. The busy 20-year-old is living at home while attending Niagara, and spends his spare time (what there is of it) reading books about flying "to keep up on what's going on in the industry." He said the LASA program is giving him great insight into what it's like to be a police officer.

"Right now I'm between aviation and the police," he said. "It would be nice to get on with a major Canadian airline because it would give me the money to buy my plane — it will cost $130,000."

Even if his head is in the clouds, all his navigational instruments seem to be working. This young pilot seems to have set himself a course for happiness, but he has also plotted a few alternative routes to reach his destination.

Diploma gets jobs

Some industries are looking at graduates first when filling positions in their companies, Don McKay, vice-president of total quality at Hayes Dana, said.

"Education will get you through the door. Technologists will get the opportunities."

Jobs and people were among topics discussed during this year's first Technical Advisory Committee meeting at the Welland campus, Jan. 10.

Mr. McKay said the challenge of industry is to become more of a partner with education. "The company is beginning to look for new employees who are technologists."

Mr. McKay's dream is to hire machine operators, who have the educational background that will enable them to be upgraded to a point where they can monitor production, carry out machine troubleshooting and perform maintenance.

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"If you're not using your head, the monotony will get to you," Mr. McKay said. His approach to eliminating tedium in the workplace is 100 per cent participation.

"Our major challenge is to encourage the technology students that there is a future in the technical fields."

He said each year people at the company retire, and the plan is to fill the available positions with graduate students.

In Quebec, one of the new Hayes Dana plants has already implemented its plan. The company's aim is to constantly work towards making itself more competitive with the Japanese. In production, Hayes Dana is aiming at 100 per cent good parts, 100 per cent uptime, 0 per cent inventory, 0 per cent changeover and 0 per cent throughput time.

"Our challenge in sales is to grow at a larger rate than we grow in employees," Mr. McKay said.

Youth, enthusiasm on side of Green candidate

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Rachel Thomson, the 19-year-old Green candidate in the Welland — St. Catharines — Thorold riding, got poor voter support in the federal election, but she did pick up political experience. The Green Party of Canada would do well to field candidates with her potential.

Young and diminutive, she does not fit the politician stereotype. She is a teenager, though she talks about the Green cause with the conviction and maturity usually not associated with a 19-year-old.

Overachiever

Though not previously involved with politics, Rachel is an overachiever in other areas. Last year she took molecular genetics at the University of Toronto, and is currently involved in research in a genetics lab at Brock.

She represented Canada at the International Science and Engineering Fair in 1986, and has since been an active volunteer for the Niagara Regional Science Fair.

Out of six candidates in the riding Rachel finished fourth with 273 votes. That tally is far below the highest of the three mainstream parties; Liberal Gib Parent won with 17,878 votes.

But she was the clear winner of the fringe contenders, with Ron Walker (running under his own name, but espousing Marxism-Leninism) getting 71, and David Wallis, the Communist contender, getting 57.

"I don't think in terms of politics, I think in terms of promoting the Greens and saving the environment," she said. "So when it comes election time, all that I have done for the Greens will be the same as what I have done for politics."

The Green party platform is "in one word, sustainability," Rachel said. She said Canada cannot continue its current rate of industrial growth — there must be a slowdown.

A Green pamphlet states: "Our prime motive is to discover ways to stop the mindless destruction of the Earth, changing from industrial growth economics to ecologically stable economics."

"There is a lot we can do without," Rachel said. "There is

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a lot that can be done without drastically affecting our lifestyles."

Globally, the Greens have their roots in West Germany in the late '70s. There are Green parties in most developed countries. The group's key values are non-violence, ecological sustainability, diversity, decentralization, grass-roots democracy and social justice.

"One of our mottos is think globally, act locally."

Rachel said each Green candidate is fairly automomous. "We only have a leader because it is required by law. We would rather have a spokesperson, who doesn't have the power to make major decisions for everyone else."

Her political trek started when she saw a Green sign, her curiosity was aroused and she phoned the local party "disgusted" with the deteriorating environment.

She went to her first membership meeting in March. The riding nomination was voted upon among the five local members.

The Thorold native said many Green members are vegetarians and believe "the world won't be a better place until we are all vegetarians."

Rachel sees two pollution problems in her riding. "Glenridge landfill is very dangerous, and needs to be cleaned up." She said toxic wastes from household products are dumped in the landfill, and — because of its elevation — seep through the soil and into people's homes.

The heavy pollution in the Niagara River is the second problem.

Resignedly, however, she cannot see either location cleaned up through regional pressures alone. There must be a total change in the public's thinking on a widespread scale. "We have got to get to the root of the problem."

Founded 1983

The Canadian Green Party was created in 1983 by a group of 100 electors, with Dr. Trevor Hancock as founding leader. The Greens fielded 60 candidates in the 1984 federal election, which allowed them to register as a federal party. In that election, 26,957 people voted for them.

Rachel does not have illusions of immediate national success for the party; she realizes it will take time. She wonders if it will happen in her lifetime. But conversely, she is not unduly pessimistic, believing strongly in the Greens and already expressing interest in running in the next federal election.

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